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Glebe District Hockey Club Inc

Junior Convenor's Report 1995

If every season is to be as momentous as the one just gone, then I know how past Conveners had the fortitude to continue year after year. Put it down to dedication to a great club. The knowledge that all juniors enjoy the game, are as enthusiastic about winning as they have been gracious in defeat, has been for me the thrill of witnessing a great spirit at work.

When at the beginning of the season Jim Oman, the outgoing Convener graciously said, that he felt I was capable of handling the job (with that grin he is noted for, and I now know what he meant). I was not prepared for the intensity of involvement that is required. What transpired has been immensely rewarding.

This year has been a record of registered players (147 in the Central Area). We have had five under 11's!, three U13's and three U15's teams. The result is that Glebe has the largest number of juniors in the Central Competition (Southern Harbour) and Sydney area. In fact its the largest Hockey club in Sydney if all players seniors and juniors are taken into account.

The 1995 season saw Glebe players representing both the State and Sydney sides. We also had players in the schools competitions. With the selections for the 1996 Sydney Under 11 through to Under 17 representative teams, Glebe has twenty players in all age groups, the majority being in the number one teams. This only indicates the strength of the playing ability of our club (see appendix).

That's a fantastic achievement over our 65 year history.

It took a bit of organisation on a Saturday getting around to seeing each team play. I found by staying put most of the time at Jubilee, I then got to see everyone play at Jubilee or Federal Park. St. Paul's, Sydney University, being only a short drive away.

The drama unfolded in putting together the various teams and appointing coaches and managers. The year round devotion by these parents and players to assist the juniors was certainly a marvel, such as the likes of Harry "Doc" Wark, putting his hand up (again) to coach, this time the under 11 Hornets. It was especially pleasing to see such persons as David "Chuck" Rochester and Brent "Gilly" Gilmour, giving back to the club what they had been taught in their days as juniors.

This scenario was repeated in all our 11 teams over each age group. Without the devotion of these people every Wednesday and Thursday evenings for training and Saturday games, we would not have a competition at all. The committee and players say thanks to all those people, coaches, managers and supporters.

That spirit of involvement was exemplified in one of our past Club Presidents, Robert Wark (nickname is deleted for ethical reasons) taking charge of the Minkey, filling Peter Busch's shoes who had spent many years developing the very young. He was ably assisted by members of the women's teams and coordinated by Helen Howe our junior women's representative. Thank you Robert, Helen and ladies.

Next year the Minkey should be a live one as we will be introducing seven a side hockey for the U 9's. If council gives us the approval, it will be played on the opposite side of Federal Park. Games will be between our own teams and its aim is to build their skills in actual playing conditions. Possibly we may have a couple of meets with the Sutherland minkeys, but that is in the negotiation stage as yet.

The seasons competition began with the Northern Districts Carnival on the 26th. of March. Glebe winning all three age divisions. A great beginning to the season. Hard on its heels was the Bankstown Carnival the very next week. Glebe again winning two of the age divisions. The U13's going down to Sutherland who had more penalty corners.

We participated in another two carnivals as a club, (The U11's Redbacks playing in a Association carnival) the St. George and Lithgow carnivals. These have been annual events for us and the results were the same for each final, similar to the Bankstown meet.

The St. George carnival was late this year due to rain postponing its advertised time. The final of the U11's between Sutherland and the Redbacks was a thrilling event. Little did we realise this was a foretaste of the seasons Grand final.

Our annual sojourn to Lithgow was also very rewarding for the club. Some of the parents and players went up by car on the Saturday, while the balance were ably driven by coach. David Baker, a coach captain whose daughter Sarah-Jane, plays in the under 11's, generously drove and provided a comfortable coach for those of us that went by this mode of transport.

Unexpected warm weather for August made the day quite pleasant. No cold blowing winds. The under 11's and 15's were victorious, with the rest of our teams fairing well in finals. The under 9's putting up a gallant fight, only to be beaten in the finals.

It was unfortunate that the Terry Reece Trophy, played between Glebe and the Entrance Club, was cancelled this year due to unavailability of playing time. Terry Reece was a long time supporter of the Club and his son plays for grade. After moving to the north coast he was instrumental in the growth of the Entrance Hockey Club. The Trophy donated by him is to commemorate his involvement with both clubs.

Next year it will be the opening carnival on March 17th, played away at the Entrance. Hopefully we can make it a great outing and a curtain raiser for our teams. The Northern Districts Carnival should follow the following week! This is of course whether Carnivals are approved on time by the Sydney Association. We will keep you posted.

With great excitement and trepidation I am pleased to announce that on May the 26th. Next year Glebe will be holding its first Carnival! It will be a lot of work and we will require the assistance of as many volunteers as possible to help organise it. Near the end of the season, we will also be holding a Gala day for the club, but this time involving both juniors and seniors. Men and Women.

This season saw the U15's and U17's play an invitation match with the Girton High School from Geelong, Victoria. They had not played on turf before due to the scarcity of the same in that state. The matches were played on No2 field at Homebush. Unfortunately for them they were up against the best and defeat was inevitable. But they enjoyed the experience. Refreshments and the inevitable snags and bacon being provided by our travelling barbecue expert Robert Wark.

Early in September, the club was asked if our junior girls under 10 would like to participate in an advertisement. We rounded up 22 girls with the assistance of the hockey mothers. The advent of a birthday party for some of the girls, was climaxed by being muddied and photographed. I was told by the production crew (women) that the girls were much easier to handle than the boys who had spent the afternoon playing a football match for the same clothes detergent add. The club netted \$1000 and the girls pleated white skirts and ribbons.

Thank you to those mums, for without their help it would not have been possible.

For the club, the winning of the Gladdall Shield for club championship in the second year running was for me a great ending to the seasons events. What it represents is the efforts of all junior players. Goal scorers and team members alike. No goal can be scored without that team support behind you. Congratulations to every Glebe player.

We certainly had exciting times with the final and Grand Finals. The undefeated U15's going straight through to the Grand Final and winning 2 to 1 against Moorebank. Not without an excellent fight. But I have to admit that the great event of the day, without taking away from the 15's win, was the U11's game. What superb Hockey, Glebe and Sutherland played. Both conceding nothing. The quality of play was first class. Glebe can only be proud of its junior persons.

The club and more to the point our past Junior Convenor, Jim Oman, was honoured at Grand Final day by having a shield named after him. It recognises the great effort and sacrifices that Jim has made for Junior Hockey both in our club and the Sydney Association. Congratulations Jim.

Our season was capped off with a challenge match against Baulkham Hills at Homebush

No 1 field. Glebe wiped the field with great wins. A trophy in each age division was donated by Baulkham Hills, "The Sydney Challenge Cup". We anticipate this will be a forerunner of things to come next season between the Northern and Southern Competitions. All enjoyed the opportunity to play on the main field for international matches in Sydney where the next day Glebe were to play and win the men's Grand Final.

The seniors Grand Final win, also against Moorebank, accompanied with the seniors club championship, has made 1995 a year of Glebe supremacy.

Next season promises to be as good if not better. With moves a foot to improve the Junior Competition Sydney wide and for Glebe to introduce internal skilling programs, we can only go from strength to strength.

There is the hint of a new look juniors in clothing and presentation, so next years registration day could be interesting.

Our carnival and club gala day in 1996 will certainly be events not to missed.

Every season an army of administrators and assistance's come forward to manage the progress of the club. To those persons the club is forever grateful.

The great work done behind the bar by Maureen Paterson, Anne Wark, Cheryl Oman and all the ladies who ably assisted them, receives our gratitude.

Thanks to our junior committee for their devotion to the club. Without their assistance my job would have been more difficult.

Special thanks to Mick Tapsell for his work with the registration records and attendance at the central area meetings every month. He will be standing down next season and it will be difficult to fill his shoes in that capacity. With Jim Oman he was instrumental in promoting Glebe Hockey to a wider audience, especially the district schools. The strength of our juniors today rests with the efforts put in by these individuals.

Further the monthly, seasonal newsletter, the "Red Rag", was initially prepared by Michael and its existence today is ably carried on by the unselfish efforts of Eddy Crook and Lisa Campano. Lisa, whose work on the Red Rag is of imense value to Eddy and the club generally, has also been the Senior committee's assistant secretary. Lisa has indicated she will be stepping down next year. Thank you Lisa for your work with the club. If there is any of our parents or players who wish to be more involved with the administration please let us know, we will be needing a capable assistant secretary..

They won't be there forever, so any assistance from you the players, parents and members of the club will be welcomed. It is after all your club.

Thanks to the club President, Geoff Paterson who has guided me through the year and has been a de-facto junior committee member in his capacity as President in assisting the juniors.

Thank you all for the support.

1996 — GO THE REDS.

*Terence Kelly
Junior Convenor*

Under 15's Report

U15 Hornets

We began the season with a mixture of player with varying skills and experience. There were some useful assets but we certainly lacked that elusive team quality.

Our outstanding goalie, Damen Jones saved points every game. His skill, courage and fierce commitment were an inspiration. Likewise Lindsay Griffiths was a fine attacking centre forward, proving his ability to score goals when supported. At the start of the season our rare goals were often 'one offs' by Lindsey.

We also enjoyed a reliable back defence usually built around Elly and Moira Williams, who never let the side down even in the face of exhaustion or injury.

Early season defeats by stronger "A" sides did not demoralise the Hornets. Gradually, under coach Amrat Parbhu's canny field placements, more effective combinations developed, with stronger positional play.

Emma Brockway's devastating speed on the right wing was increasingly supported by Rebecca Towns' stick work and trapping ability. In the centre Ross Tapsell and Tristan Roache-Turner became an effective passing and 'feeding' combination, versatile in defence and attack, with increasing penetration. They often called the mid-field play.

Less experienced players like Anna Valpiani, Kara Jones and Aaron Lacey steadily improved skill and match fitness as the season wore on, taking pressure of the backs. The team became less reliant on big clearing hits by full back Max Francis.

Desperate defence became the team's main strength, producing some exciting and memorable draws against St. George and Bankstown. Unfortunately this also became a limitation. Just at the point in the season when the new attacking combinations were beginning to succeed, we lost a player. Numbers became critical, often dependent on last minute 'fill-ins', often generously provided by other U15 team members like David Wall and Brook Richards, as well as many others.

Amrat worked wonders with 'stop-gap' combinations, but attack suffered as players like Lindsay were pulled back to defend. Some remarkable defences were mounted with one and two players down.

The most enjoyable part of the season was the friendly rivalry with the Glebe Redbacks U15 team. We had the best of these hard fought encounters. Probably as a result all players always turned up for these games. Thanks also to the U15 Strikers team and coach, their games against us were always valuable training runs - congratulations to them on their well deserved success.

The provision of three U15 teams by Glebe is an indication of Glebe's depth and ability to sustain good hockey for large numbers of juniors. This would not have happened without the excellent training given at Homebush on Thursday nights by coaches like Anne Sherwood and Gary Cronin.

Number of games played

Emma Brockway	13	Ross Tapsell	14
Lindsay Griffiths	13	Rebecca Towns	8
Max Francis	10	Anna Valpiani	14
Damen Jones	15	Elly Williams	15
Kara Jones	13	Moira Williams	15
Aaron Lacey	15	David Wall	1
Tristan Roache-Turner	12	Brook Richards	1

Team Awards

Best Forward	Lindsay Griffiths
Best Back	Damen Jones
Best Team Player	Elly Williams
Encouragement Award	Moira Williams

Bill Turner
Manager

Under 15 Strikers

1995 was a tremendous year for the Strikers with the team winning all competition matches and all carnivals entered. The skills and dedication of the individuals and the whole-hearted team spirit combined to make the season extremely successful both on and off the field.

To summarise 1995:

Competition

Played	16	Major Semi Final
Won	16	Defeated Moorebank 3-0
Drew	0	
Lost	0	
Goals for	90	Grand Final
Goals against	9	Defeated Moorebank 2-1

The team played some ordinary, some good and some great hockey during the competition, but definitely lifted their effort against the top teams. The highlights of the competition rounds were easy victories over Sutherland (the first 6-0) who in previous years defeated Glebe and over Moorebank, where on both occasions we had only ten players but won convincingly.

The Grand Final was a typical close, tense final where either side gave a quarter. Moorebank had strengthened their team during the season but did not have the overall depth of the Glebe team. Glebe, suffering from the pressure of being expected to win, played one of their worst matches of the season, but with fortitude typical of the team came through for a deserved victory. A particularly pleasing aspect was that despite Moorebank scoring first, Glebe came back to equalise before half-time, and by dominating the play in the second half, scored the winning goal to the delight of the many Glebe supporters.

To complete the season the Strikers played the winners of the Northern Sydney competition, Baulkham Hills, and in an outstanding display of attacking, creative and enterprising hockey, Glebe won 8-0.

Carnivals

The Strikers competed in and won the Northern Districts, Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, St George and Lithgow Carnivals. To participate in carnivals is great for team spirit and teamwork (particularly at the beginning of the season) and to win is especially satisfying as carnivals can often be a bit of a lottery.

Two carnivals deserve special mention. The Bankstown Carnival included a number of representative teams (Bathurst, Campbelltown and Illawarra) none of whom could defeat the Strikers, and the final was won in convincing style 4-0 over Bankstown. The Lithgow Carnival is a very competitive carnival drawing teams from a number of strong country hockey centres (Bathurst, Parkes, Crookwell as well as Lithgow). The final against a Bathurst "club" team (virtually their representative side) was an exciting, thrilling match won by Glebe 1-0 and described in the *Lithgow Mercury* as "the highlight of the carnival".

In most carnivals the Strikers team members all participated but we were also fortunate to have Ross Tapsell, David Wall, Lindsay Griffith and Tessa Haberfield amongst others to be part of the team, contributing strongly to the winning of the carnivals.